

Headteacher Newsletter

Summer Term: May 2026

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support this year, and for your continued support. We have lots of exciting events planned this term, so please check our [Events Calendar](#) on the school's website regularly so you keep-up-to-date. Thank you.

Reminder: Closed on Friday and next week.

The half term break starts on Friday, so Thursday (21st May) is the last day of this half term. Thursday will also be a non-uniform day; attendance parties will take place in the morning and all children will enjoy well-being activities in the afternoon.

Wedding News



During the half term break, Miss Greenwood will be getting married! Congratulations to the soon-to-be Mrs Leigh-Jones and her soon-to-be husband.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has excellent attendance. Recent attendance has been excellent, so thank you so much!

Please, please, please, if you are looking to book a holiday, please avoid booking in term time. Thank you for your support with this and for respecting the importance of school!

Please be aware, if your child is absent for 10 sessions / 5 days or more, over a 10-week period, Local Authority Fines (Fixed Penalty Notices) are charged per parent, per child, and follow a national framework across England:

- **First Offence:** £80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days.
- **Second Offence:** A flat rate of £160 (no discounted rate) if issued within a rolling 3-year period of the first fine.
- **Third Offence:** No further penalty notices can be issued within a 3-year period. Instead, the Local Authority will immediately move to prosecution, which can result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent, community orders, or a jail sentence.

Photo Sharing

We are currently evaluating Class Dojo as an alternative to Facebook for sharing photos of the children's learning (for Years 1 -6). Tapestry will remain in place for EYFS. We will inform you more about this a separate letter. This will be sent home via MCAS, as well as a paper copy, as we will need your consent to set parents/carers up to access your child's class account. More information to follow when we return after half term.

Walk, Scoot or Cycle

Reminder from our Eco Warriors in school:
Please walk, scoot or cycle to school if it is possible. **NO electric scooters please!**

Scooters and bikes can be stored at school in our bike/ scooter shelter near the EYFS gate entrance. Thank you.



Water bottles – water only please!

Please ensure your child's water bottle that is sent into school daily has **only water** in it, not juice or cordial – inline with our healthy school's policy. Juice / cordial is allowed in lunch boxes, for lunchtime only. Thank you for your support with this!

Events Coming Up [Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

We have lots of events coming up this term, including:

- **Sponsored assault course** for KS1 and KS2,
- **Sports Days**,
- **Class Swap Day**,
- **Class showcases, memories assemblies and so much more.**

Please check our **school website's Events Calendar on a regular basis** to ensure you are aware of the events coming up. Click the blue link below to visit our Events Calendar:

[Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

Safeguarding and Safety

Encompass

Reminder: Schools have a duty to inform parents/carers about our participation in [Operation Encompass](#). Working together to safeguard children, Greater Manchester Police will inform the Key Adults within schools about any incidents involving the police.

Cars pulling in at the front of school

For the safety of our pupils, we restrict cars coming onto the grounds at drop off and pick up. Parents / carers who have a **disabled badge** are welcome to use the disabled parking bays to drop off and/or pick up. However, we kindly ask no other parents / carers drive onto the school site or 'pull up at the gate' at drop off / pick up. **Thank you for helping us keep the children safe. This does not affect parents who drop off at Premier or pick up from Premier after school.**

This Month's Online Safety focus: Children who have their own phone or device.

Online rules to protect your wellbeing:

- Limit the time you spend on your phone – set your **Do Not Disturb** feature to protect your wellbeing and sleep.
- Suggested time for **Do Not Disturb**, from 7pm to 7am.
Parents may prefer slightly different times, but no later than 8pm is suggested to give you time to switch off from the 'online world' at least an hour before you go to bed.
- **ALWAYS be KIND: online and offline!!!** You might think 'it', but don't say it or type it!!! Do not be mean!

More online safety tips can be found here: [#WakeUpWednesday - Free resources for trusted adults](#)

Thank you again for your continued support,

Mrs Hickman

